

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS: ENRG, TECH, GW  
SUBJECT: GERMAN PLANS FOR REPROCESSING CENTER

REF: A. BONN 3333; B. BONN 11284, JULY 1976;  
C. BONN 5929

1. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN A DECISIVE STEP  
TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PLAN FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTEGRATED NUCLEAR FUEL  
CYCLE CENTER. ON JULY 7 THE CABINET DECIDED TO  
ACCEPT THE PROPOSED SITE AT GORLEBEN AND TO  
DIRECT THE FEDERAL PHYSICAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTE  
(PHYSIKALISCH - TECHNISCHE BUNDESANSTALT --  
PTB) TO EXPLORE THE SUITABILITY OF THE SITE  
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(REF A).

2. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STILL WAS NOT HAPPY WITH  
THE SELECTION OF THE SITE, BUT THAT IT WAS  
FORCED TO ACCEPT THE CHOICE OF THE STATE OF  
LOWER-SAXONY TO AVOID A FURTHER DELAY IN THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GERMAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT:

ALTHOUGH IMPORTANT, THIS GOVERNMENT DECISION IS ONLY ONE STEP TOWARD THE PROJECTED FUEL CYCLE CENTER, BECAUSE THE PTB WILL RESTRICT ITS EXAMINATION TO THE SUITABILITY OF THE SITE FOR THE FINAL DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE, WHICH, UNDER THE GERMAN ATOMIC LAW, LIES WITHIN THE FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY. ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE FACILITY SUCH AS THE INTERMEDIATE STORAGE, REPROCESSING AND RECYCLING OF THE IRRADIATED NUCLEAR FUEL WILL BE MANAGED BY THE PRIVATE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY. (REF B). THIS APPLICATION IS CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL COMMITTEES WHICH WILL PASS IT ON TO THE LOWER SAXONY AUTHORITIES AFTER APPROVAL OF THE OVERALL SAFETY CONCEPT OF THE PROJECT. THE STATE AUTHORITIES WILL THEN CONDUCT A DEFINITIVE, SITE-SPECIFIC INVESTIGATION OF THE CONCEPT. THE TWO INDEPENDENT APPLICATIONS WILL FLOW TOGETHER AT A VERY LATE STAGE OF THE LICENSING PROCEDURE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LAST AT LEAST TWO YEARS. (REF.C).

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